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The following air activity was observed at Peenemuende Airfield between 7 and 21 February 1954:

4 February. About 8 a.m., swept-back jet aircraft were towed from their dispersed areas to the runway and subsequently made practice flights. At 10 a.m., one Li-2 landed at the field and parked there.

5 February. Around noon and at 3:30 p.m., respectively, a Li-2 and a Yak-14 took off. There was a closed ceiling but good visibility.

14 February. No air activity was observed.

15 February. Two Li-2s took off at 8:15 a.m., when the ceiling was closed. No additional air activity was observed.

16 February. A Yak-14 landed at the field shortly after 3 a.m. A Li-2 landed at 10:15 a.m. and again took off shortly after noon.

17 February. During the morning, local individual flights were made by four MiG-15 or U-MIG-15s. At 12:20 p.m., an aircraft with a double rudder assembly landed at the field and parked there.

18 February. A Li-2 landed at 1:10 p.m. and again took off at 2 p.m.

19 February. No air activity was observed. There was a closed ceiling and good visibility.

20 February. Around 10 a.m., some local flights were made by an aircraft with a double rudder assembly. The weather was cloudy. After nightfall, there was air activity by swept-back jet aircraft until after 7 p.m. The runway was illuminated by searchlights.

21 February. There was no air activity. The weather was cloudless.

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Comment. It is believed that Peenemuende airfield is still occupied by a naval fighter regiment. One Li-2, probably a courier aircraft, was observed landing and taking off almost daily. The aircraft with double rudder assembly, which was observed on 17 and 20 February, probably is a Tu-2. Aircraft of this type have frequently been employed as target-tow aircraft in Peenemuende.

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